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Honorable Thomas E. Morgan, Chairman
Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of January 9, 1975, regarding the implementation of Section 32 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1974. As you know, the President has evaluated our current activities (which were previously approved by him) and found them to be important to the national security, as required by the Act.

As we discussed on January 15, I am prepared to brief the Committee on the President's findings, pursuant to procedures you establish. I appreciate your commitment to preserving the essential secrecy of this information, and share your confidence that this new reporting responsibility can work to the mutual benefit of the Committee, and to the Agency.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

W. E. Colby
Director

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The Honorable William Colby
 Director
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

As you know, Section 32 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1974, signed by the President on December 30, 1974, establishes regulations on overseas intelligence activities and, in certain instances, requires reporting to appropriate committees of Congress, including the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

As Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, I am writing to initiate a dialogue with you and the Agency on two related and substantial matters involved in these new responsibilities.

First, it will be necessary for the Committee to be informed of the steps which have been taken and the procedures which have been instituted, or are being contemplated, to bring the Central Intelligence Agency into compliance with the law.

Second, it will be necessary to begin discussions between the Agency and the Committee on the manner and form in which reports required under the law will be submitted. The problem of insuring appropriate security for information conveyed to the Committee is of deep concern to us, as it is to the Agency. At the same time, I am confident that procedures can be worked out which will satisfy both the letter and spirit of the law, while safeguarding the national security interest.

In the past the Committee on Foreign Affairs has enjoyed good rapport with your Agency. Now, a new relationship has been established between our organizations by Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act and provisions of House Resolution 988, the Committee Reform Amendments of 1974. Members of

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the Committee and I look forward to this opportunity for increased contact. This new relationship will, I believe, work to the mutual benefit of the Committee and the Agency as we cooperate in carrying out the law.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Chairman

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For your signature, a suggested response for the letter to you from Chairman Morgan regarding the steps we have taken to implement Section 32 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1974.

George L. Cary
Legislative Counsel

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him the attached.
He thinks we should
send it for the
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